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The Puget Sound Harbor Safety and Security Committee (PSHSSC) is a duly constituted body of public and private stakeholders who share the common interest of safe, secure, environmentally responsible and efficient use of Puget Sound and adjacent waters.

The following comments by the PSHSSC are in response to WT Docket 04-257, released by the Commission on July 30, 2004.

It is the position of PSHSSC that the land mobile use of the VPC frequencies in areas near navigable waters be restricted to use of equipment type accepted under part 80 to prevent potential interference with vessels operating at sea and in Canadian waters adjacent to the State of Washington.

We agree with the Commission that the VPC frequencies should not be reallocated or any action taken to remove this spectrum from the maritime community. Any such action would jeopardize the maritime community's ability to meet its needed operational, safety and security communications.

PSHSSC supports the Commission's position to allow the use of VPC frequencies for port operation use on both a simplex and duplex basis.

Consideration should also be given to the use of the VPC frequencies for port and port facility security communications.

Sincerely,

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